

**UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD
SECURITY COMMITTEE**

SECOM-M-177
18 July 1975

Minutes
One Hundred Seventy-Seventh Meeting
Tuesday, 15 July 1975, 1000 to 1145 Hours
Room 6E-0708, CIA Headquarters

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Chairman
Presiding

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MEMBERS PRESENT

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ALTERNATES PRESENT

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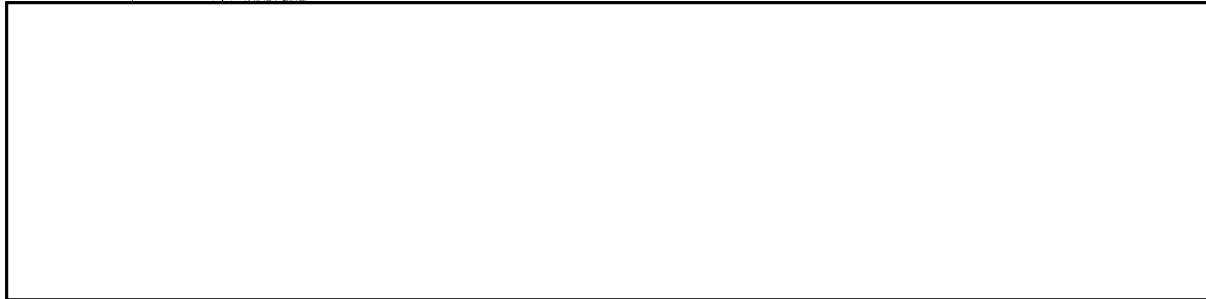
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ALSO PRESENT

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Preliminary Comments

(a) The Chairman introduced and welcomed new members:

25X1 [REDACTED]

25X1 replacing [REDACTED] and

[REDACTED] 25X1

25X1 replacing [REDACTED] The Chairman also welcomed:

25X1 [REDACTED]

as State's alternate member replacing [REDACTED] 25X1

25X1 In response to the Chairman's question, [REDACTED]
that [REDACTED] retirement date from CIA will be 31 July 1975 and that
he plans on continuing to reside in the area for another year.

(b) The Chairman informed members that an updated list of staff personnel of the Senate Select Committee had been compiled and it was distributed to members. The Chairman observed that the SSC now listed 109 members approved for access to TOP SECRET level material of which approximately 85 were approved for access to compartmented intelligence.

(c) The Chairman referred to a mention at the last meeting of a call for a report on the Committee's Progress. He informed members that the request had been modified and that a short 2, 3-page report was now called for. This new format was required to serve as an input to the DCI's annual report to the PFIAB.

The Chairman offered and members expressed a desire for a copy of the report once the format and content had been accepted.

(d) The Chairman noted that the Committee may anticipate a new Letter of Instruction from the DCI for the current fiscal year. In this connection, [] mentioned that the Committee had met in one form or another all tasks listed in the 1975 LOI with the exception of the revision of DCID 1/16 and an accompanying assessment of threats to our secure computer operations.

1. Approval of Minutes

There being no objections or corrections, the Chairman and members approved the minutes of the 176th meeting as published.

2. Report of Chairmen

(a) TSCS

[] invited, and [] accepted, postponement of a report on the activities of the TSCS including a proposal to restructure the R&D Working Group.

25X1 (b) [] Chairman, Community Computer-
Assisted Compartmentation Control System

25X1 [] informed that the Working Group had just about completed its activities and would have a detailed report on its findings and recommendations by late July or early August and would be ready to brief the Security Committee at that time in detail. [] gave a summary presentation and responded to various questions of members.

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The NSA member requested that consideration be given to including the national clearance level of personnel as well as the compartmented access approvals.

The Chairman noted that in any presentation to the USIB, a sound briefing supplemented with necessary aids would be necessary.

25X1 (c) [] Chairman, Compartmentation
Subcommittee

25X1 [] informed that the Compartmentation Subcommittee, having completed the tasks of revising DCID 1/7 and DCID 1/14, had turned their attention to a constructive review of its charter, DCID 1/11, Attachment 3. This review was geared to development of a course of action for the Subcommittee in the near term and the future.

Some of the considerations mentioned by Subcommittee members during the review of compartmentation relate to:

- the apparent overlap of authority in compartmented matters with the SIGINT Committee and COMIREX.

- the difficulties of having such large numbers of personnel with access to compartmented materials.

- the leak problem.

- the need for education and security reindoctrination.

- the desirability of having standardized security briefings.

- the issue of declassifying the "fact of" in a compartmentation system.

25X1 [] commented that he hoped to have some of these concepts included in a paper for the Committee's consideration within the next few months. Attention to this issue had been postponed in view of the assignment from Lt. Gen. Wilson, D/DCI/IC, to conduct an overall review of compartmentation procedures.

3. Tasking of Security Committee by D/DCI/IC re Compartmentation Procedures

Copies were distributed of a memorandum to [] from Gen. Wilson dated 30 June 1975 which tasked the Committee to review compartmentation procedures. [] informed that on receipt of this task he had forwarded it to the Compartmentation Subcommittee which addressed it at their meeting on 1 July.

25X1 [] said that at the 1 July 1975 meeting it was ascertained that some departments and agencies were currently undertaking studies of various aspects of compartmentation. [] 25X1 [] mentioned that DIA was doing a study on the TK system for the JCS and the NSA was looking at some aspects of the Comint system. [] asked for comments of the members on how to proceed. A general discussion followed which concluded with the consensus that [] should inform Gen. Wilson of what he has learned and propose that the Security Committee suspend actions on the overall review of compartmentation until other studies are completed and the DCI or USIB refers them to the Security Committee if considered appropriate. The Security Committee will also stand prepared to address any aspect of compartmentation that USIB Principals and the DCI may care to refer to it. The CIA and Air Force members expressed the hope that the Security Committee will have an opportunity to review the various departmental studies.

25X1 [] advised, in view of the various ongoing studies of compartmentation, and in view of the tasking by Gen. Wilson, he had telephonically contacted members or alternates of the Committee concerning the advisability of holding up on submission of the revised DCID 1/14, "Uniform Personnel Security Standards and Practices Governing Access to Sensitive Compartmented Information", to the USIB. He had recommended this be done and Gen. Wilson had concurred.

4. Status of DCID 1/7

The Chairman informed that all members had concurred in the latest revision of DCID 1/7 and that it had been forwarded to the D/DCI/IC and the USIB Secretariat for appropriate action.

5. New Business

(a) With the approval of the members, the Chairman added to the agenda of the meeting discussion of the NSA concern with unauthorized disclosures distributed to members by [] on 19 June 1975 (SECOM-D-77).

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[] informed that the Director, NSA, wanted this matter brought to the attention of the Security Committee so as to demonstrate his concern with unauthorized disclosures and actively seek assistance in developing action or procedures to stop them.

[] mentioned that a limited investigation had been conducted at NSA.

The members discussed various approaches to the problem of leaks including the internal investigation conducted by departments and agencies in the past. The opinion was expressed that many times those disclosing information are unaware of the potential damage of the disclosure and encouragement was given for a continuing educational process in each department and agency to point out damage leaks can do.

DCI proposed legislation to protect sources and methods from unauthorized disclosure was discussed and it was felt this, or similar legislation, should be beneficial in curtailing leaks. It was pointed out that it covers those having authorized possession of information relating to sources and methods and does not contain penalties with regard to the receiver of the information, including the news media.

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Recommendation #19 of the Rockefeller Commission report was discussed and the Chairman stated that he believed the Security Committee could fulfill its responsibilities if the recommendation was adopted in principle. He noted that procedures would have to be developed by the Attorney General, the DCI and the Director of the FBI, and the Security Committee would need to be judicious with regard to matters recommended to the USIB for referral to the FBI.

25X1 (b) [] mentioned that [] as Chairman of a Committee working group, had recently submitted a report on results of efforts to establish a security policy on travel and assignment of personnel with access to sensitive information. Pointing out that this was a Committee self-designated task, the Chairman suggested that members consider the report and be prepared to address it at the next meeting. The Chairman noted that AF and NSA did not concur. Air Force had submitted written comments which were attached to the copies of the report. Copies of the material were distributed to members. NSA was asked to prepare comments on their observations and to make them available to members. 25X1

(c) No members brought up additional new or old business.

6. Next Meeting

The Chairman proposed and members agreed to meet on 12 August 1975 at 1000 hours in Room 6E-0708, CIA Headquarters.

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Executive Secretary 25X1